

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson
Marilyn Carothers, RDH
Judy Morrison, RDH
Amber Riley-Burns, RDH

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Joy King, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Support
Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General
Dave Magby, Chief Investigator, Investigative Services Unit
Jean Sullivan, Executive Director, Washington Health Professional
Services (WHPS)
Mary Dallman, Health Services Consultant 4, Washington Health
Professional Services (WHPS)
Beverly Thomas, Program Manager, Health Professions Section 5
Joseli Alves-Dunkerson, DDS, MPH, MBA, Senior Oral Health
Consultant and Supervisor, Maternal and Child Health (MCH)
Oral Health Program
Mark Triplett, Staff Attorney, Legal Services Unit

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Golightly, Ed.D., Dental Hygiene Program Director for Pierce
College
Joella Pyatt, RDH
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists'
Association (WSDHA)
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist for WSDHA

The Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 9, 2007 at the Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Rd. Room 202, Tumwater, WA 98501.

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Peter Fox, Public Member, Chairperson.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved after amended to include Presentation on non-surgical cosmetic procedures by Beverly Thomas, Program Manager, as Item 1.4, Testing agency and state board survey as Item 3.7 and the following under Other Open Session Business: Electronic funds transfer of wages, Dental rules on the number of times an applicant can fail the examination and Draft CR-101 for the Number of times an applicant can fail the Dental hygiene examination.

1.2 Approval of November 17, 2006 meeting minutes

The minutes from August 11, 2006 were approved as presented.

1.3 Introductions

Committee, staff, and audience introduced themselves.

1.4 Presentation on non-surgical cosmetic procedures – Beverly Thomas, Program Manager, Health Professions Section 5

Ms. Thomas presented information to the committee regarding the use of non-surgical cosmetic procedures. The committee responded to questions regarding Dental Hygienists and the use of specific procedures. It was determined that Dental Hygienists are not allowed to do any of the procedures. Ms. Thomas will report this information back to the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC).

2. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

2.1 Budget

Joy King, Executive Director, explained the budget documents and charts relating to the Dental Hygiene program budget. The committee was given a brief overview of how a budget is created and the allotment authority that goes along with it.

2.2 Licensing and Disciplinary Statistics

The committee was provided an update on licensing and disciplinary statistics for Dental Hygienists and Dentists.

2.3 2007 Legislation

The committee was provided with information relating to House Bill (HB) 1667 Regarding fairness and equity in health professions licensing fees. It was explained that the bill is a three tier approach to licensing fees.

2.3 2007 Legislation (continued)

Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist with Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association, presented information on the dental hygiene bill that was introduced in the house and the senate. HB 1298 and SB 5293 relates to dental hygienists performing services in senior centers and in school based sealant programs.

2.4 Rebating Issue – Wright v. Jeckle

Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), explained RCW 19.68 which deals with rebating issues.

3. FOLLOW UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Education requirements for licensure applicants

The language for WAC 246-815-030 Education requirements for licensure applicants was amended to read as follows:

WAC 246-815-030 Education requirements for licensure applicants. (1) To be eligible for dental hygiene licensure, the applicant must have successfully completed a dental hygiene education program approved by the secretary of the department of health. The secretary adopts ~~((those))~~ the standards of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) relevant to the accreditation of dental hygiene schools, in effect ~~((in))~~ from January, 1993, to January, 2007. In implementing the adopted standards, the secretary approves those dental hygiene education programs ~~((which were accredited by the commission as of January 1993))~~ that are currently accredited and received initial "CODA" accreditation during the period of January 1993 to January 2007. Provided, that the accredited education program's curriculum includes:

- (a) Didactic and clinical competency in the administration of injections of local anesthetic;
- (b) Didactic and clinical competency in the administration of nitrous oxide analgesia;
- (c) Didactic and clinical competency in the placement of restorations into cavities prepared by a dentist; and
- (d) Didactic and clinical competency in the carving, contouring, and adjusting contacts and occlusions of restorations.

(2) Dental hygiene education programs approved by the secretary of the department of health pursuant to the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation standards ~~((in effect in January, 1993))~~ per subsection (1) of this section, whose curriculum does not include the didactic and clinical competency enumerated in subsection (1)(a)(-)) through (d) ~~((above))~~ of this section will be accepted if the applicant has successfully

3.1 Education requirements for licensure applicants (continued)

completed an expanded functions education program(s) approved pursuant to WAC 246-815-110, 246-815-120, and 246-815-130.

(3) A form will be provided in the department of health licensure application packages for the purpose of education verification.

(4) The standards of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation relevant to the accreditation of dental hygiene schools are available from the American Dental Association, 211 East Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-2678, 312-440-2500, <http://www.ada.org/>.

Staff will finalize the CR-102 documents to be able to hold a hearing on this rule within the next few months.

3.2 American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX)

This item was deferred to the May meeting.

3.3 Request to observe the North East Regional Board (NERB) clinical dental hygiene examination

After discussion by the committee members, Marilyn Carothers, RDH, was selected to observe the NERB clinical dental hygiene examination. Staff was requested to send a letter to NERB informing them of the committee's representative.

3.4 Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)

Ms. Brown received a request from CODA asking for a Dental Hygiene Examining Committee member to accompany them with the accreditation site visits for Shoreline Community College and Seattle Central Community College.

3.5 Update on continuing education

Ms. King informed the committee of the administrative decision to begin continuing education (CE) audits again. The audits will be conducted by the Customer Service Center. A licensee will ultimately have three chances or three years to get their continuing education into compliance.

3.6 Re-examination and remediation rule proposals

The committee determined that it will review the re-examination and remediation requirements for the regional boards at their next meeting.

3.7 Testing Agency and State Board Survey

Staff was requested to combine all comments and then send to them for final approval prior to emailing the testing agencies and state boards.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

10:00 am to 11:30 am – Joseli Alves-Dunkerson, DDS, MPH, MBA, Senior Oral Health Consultant and Supervisor, Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Oral Health Program

Ms. Alves-Dunkerson informed the committee of her background and the exactly what the MCH Oral Health Program is. Ms. Carothers asked if there was anything that the committee could do to help spread the word on fluoride varnish and sealant guidelines. Staff was requested to contact Gene Patterson, at the WSDHA to see if the association would be willing to have a link on their website to DOH guidelines.

11:30 am to 12:00 noon – Dave Magby, Chief Investigator, Investigative Services Unit

Mr. Magby explained the background of the investigative services unit and what it is exactly that they do. There is currently a staff of 55 with 39 of these being investigators.

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm – Jean Sullivan, Executive Director, Washington Health Professional Services (WHPS)

Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Dallman presented an overview of the Washington Health Professional Services to the committee.

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm – Sandra Adix, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Role of the Attorney General

Ms. Adix provided the committee members with an overview of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) that relate to the dental hygiene profession. The AAG's role is advisory to the different state agencies.

Public disclosure

Ms. Adix presented the committee two aspects relating to public disclosure. The first is the open public meetings act. Business of government is to be open and transparent to the public. Executive sessions can be closed to the public for very narrow reasons. The second is public disclosure request(s). Any person can request any record from any agency.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE (continued)

Role of the committee member

The committee was advised that there are two primary roles for the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC). These are examinations and writing rules.

Disciplinary hearings

Dave Magby and Mark Triplett provided brief information to the committee relating to disciplinary hearings.

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm – Mark Triplett, Staff Attorney, Legal Services Unit

Mr. Triplett presented the committee with an update on the role of the staff attorney.

2:30 pm to 3:00 pm – Licensing and disciplinary processes

The committee was provided information from Mr. Triplett regarding the disciplinary process. He briefly explained who the Adjudicative Services Unit (ASU) and their role.

5. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AND REQUIRED MEETINGS FOR 2007

CRDTS annual meeting, steering committee and Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee – March 11 - 13, 2007 in Kansas City

Judy Morrison, RDH will both attend the CRDTS annual meeting, steering committee and Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee and be the Committee's representative.

Western Conference of Dental Examiners and Dental School Deans and WREB Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee – July, 2007

Marilyn Carothers, RDH was elected to attend the Western Conference of Dental Examiners and Dental School Deans and WREB Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee and to be the Committee representative.

6. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE - *handouts*

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the Committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. Otherwise, there will be no discussion.

There was no correspondence received or discussed.

7. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- 7.1 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Board of Director's Meeting - Joella Pyatt, RDH

Please see attached report.

8. OTHER OPEN SESSION BUSINESS – (For discussion only)

Sharon Golightly stated that five of her dental hygiene students could not take the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) examinations on this side of the state but were moved to Eastern Washington. Dr. Golightly asked if there was anything that the hygiene committee could do to help with this situation.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – *no handout*

Professional Background Information Services (PBIS)
Budget and charts
Licensing and disciplinary statistics
2007 Legislation
American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX)
Observer for North East Regional Boards (NERB)
Re-examination and remediation rule proposals

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown
Program Manager

Peter Fox, Chairperson, Public Member